

Senate File 303 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a district cost per pupil equalization task
2 force.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DISTRICT COST PER PUPIL EQUALIZATION TASK FORCE.

- 2 1. The department of education shall convene a task force
3 to review the differences in the district cost per pupil among
4 school districts in the state. The task force shall identify
5 inequities between school districts caused by differences
6 in the district cost per pupil and shall analyze options to
7 eliminate differences in the district cost per pupil and reduce
8 the identified inequities, including cost-neutral options for
9 the state, state and local taxpayers, and school districts.
- 10 2. The task force membership shall be comprised of education
11 stakeholders, including but not limited to persons representing
12 the following entities or individuals:
- 13 a. The director of the department of education.
14 b. The school administrators of Iowa.
15 c. The Iowa association of school boards.
16 d. The Iowa state education association.
17 e. The professional educators of Iowa.
18 f. The Iowa taxpayers association.
19 g. The Iowa association of business and industry.
- 20 3. The task force shall submit its findings and
21 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January
22 15, 2017.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill requires the department of education to convene a
27 task force to review the differences in the district cost per
28 pupil among school districts in the state. The task force is
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